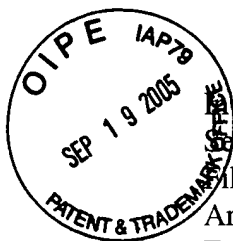


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 8, 2005. While it is believed that no extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 12-2252. Consideration of the Remarks/Arguments that follow is respectfully requested.

**Amendment to Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.